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The risk of impacts from heavy rain continues.

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National Severe weather warnings are still in place as heavy rain affects large parts of the UK.

Strong south westerly winds, a 'conveyor belt' of warm air and a slow-moving weather front, have already resulted in very large rainfall amounts in some parts of the UK during the last 36 hours.

Met Office Chief Meteorologist Andy Page, said: “Honister Pass in Cumbria recorded 361.6mm of rainfall in almost 36 hours up to 2.30pm today (Thursday). An amber and a number of yellow National Severe Weather Warnings for rain are still in place with rain continuing across north west England and southern Scotland, as well as affecting much of Wales and the South West.”

“The rainfall continues to present a threat of flooding and transport disruption, with difficult driving conditions and possible road closures. Stay up to date with the forecast and warnings in your area on the Met Office website or via our mobile app.”

People should keep a close eye on flood warnings from the Environment Agency, Natural Resources Wales and SEPA.

Ben Lukey, Flood Duty Manager at the Environment Agency, said: “Working with our partners in local resilience forums, Environment Agency teams have been out on the ground clearing waste grilles and screens, and stand ready to operate flood defences if needed. They are also ready to support local authorities in their response to surface water flooding.

“We are urging residents and visitors, especially holidaymakers in the Lake District, to stay alert and check their flood risk by signing up for free flood warnings on the Gov.uk website and via @EnvAgency on Twitter, which offer the latest updates."

Further rain, some of it heavy, is expected on Friday morning, this will turn more showery before the next weather system brings more rain overnight and into Saturday. With more unsettled weather expected for Sunday and the start of next week.

As we head into the start of November there are some indications the weather may well become more settled but cooler, with air coming from the north or north west.

Keep track of current weather warnings on the weather warning page. Following us on Twitter and Facebook, as well as using our mobile app which is available for iPhone from the App store and for Android from the Google Play store.

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